

### CLAIMS

1. A takeout mechanism for gripping a bottle formed at the blow station of an I.S. machine, displacing the bottle to a location proximate a deadplate and  
5 releasing the bottle onto the deadplate comprising  
a tong arm,  
a tong head secured to said tong arm for gripping a bottle,  
means including a control  
10 for displacing said tong arm from a first position whereat the bottle is gripped at the blow station to a second position a first selected distance above the deadplate,  
for holding said tong arm at said  
15 second position for a selected time,  
at the end of said selected time, displacing said tong arm downwardly toward the deadplate to a third position, and  
when said selected tong head is at  
20 said third position, releasing the bottle onto the conveyor.
2. A takeout mechanism for gripping a bottle formed at the blow station of an I.S. machine according to claim 1, wherein said third position is a predetermined spacing above the deadplate.  
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